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11. (U) Sensitive but unclassified. Not for public Internet.

12. (SBU) On July 24, we raised reftel demarche asking Kazakhstan to support our position on the accreditation to ECOSOC of two NGOS with Zhanar Kulzhanova, the deputy director of the MFA's International Organizations Directorate. Kulzhanova thanked us for forwarding her ahead of time a non-paper on the issue. She told us that Kazakhstan was still formulating its official position, but said that the MFA "is open to U.S. views." She apologized for not giving us a concrete response, but explained that the summer vacation season "has depleted the MFA of decision-makers." (COMMENT: Since Kulzhanova is departing on July 25 for Geneva to take over as Kazakhstan's head of delegation at the ongoing ECOSOC meeting, we recommend that USMISSION Geneva follow up with her there. END COMMENT.)

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